

MINUTES OF THE NEW CROSS ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 9 January 2014 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Maslin

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Madeliene Long and Councillor Stephen Padmore

7. Welcome from the Chair

Councillor Maslin opened the meeting introducing himself. He invited Winston Castello (Head of Community Enterprise) to explain the format of the meeting. Winston explained the process; this a project voting event and groups will present their projects and then the assembly will decide on which projects they want to see funded by a vote.

8. New Cross Assembly fund project presentations

The groups with successful applications, were invited to present their projects to the assembly. The groups presenting their projects included:

- Signal (Autism Support)
- REMEC Youth Club (Young Health Promoters)
- Anyadwe Children and Welfare Association (Promoting healthy lifestyles)
- The Albany (Albany Youth Forum)

Two groups could not make the meeting to present (Ilderton Motor Vehicle Project and Saint Michael's Community Centre) their projects and as a result, were unable to be put forward for the voting process. Saint Michael's Community Centre were spoken very highly of by Disciple Samuel and another local organisation. They highlighted the great work that they do and the good reputation that they have.

9. Vote counting and awarded groups

After the presentations had finished, Councillor Suggested that as there was enough funding for the groups that had presented, an option could be that the Assembly could agree to fund the projects through a show of hands. Councillor Maslin, explained that he was happy to go with any process agreed by the Assembly, and if they would like to do individual vote counts we could. The assembly agreed a show of hands would be sufficient and all projects that presented were deemed worthwhile and needed in the area.

10. Invitation to join the coordinating group

One of the coordinating group members (Keji Kazzim) explained what the coordinating group does and the benefits of local residents joining. Darnell Bailey

explained that there was a leaflet in everyone's welcome pack which additional information. 7-8 new members signed up for the coordinating group including representatives from local Ward businesses and organisations.

11. Feedback forms

Feedback forms were given out to the assembly for completion.

12. Community updates

Community updates were given from the following:

Disciple Samuel (Coordinating group member) – Disciple Samuel explained about two initiatives:

1. New Cross & Deptford North Lewisham NHS Free Saturday Health Walks and Exercise - Every Saturday 9.45am for 10am start leaving from Waldron Health Centre Ground Floor Reception Near New Cross Station. All Ages welcome including 'Mummies with Buggies'.

2. Lewisham Emergency Forum and Lewisham Emergency BME Forum presents by 'desperate community demand'... the 'Good Samaritans Love Your Neighbour Project'. This broad project involves any resident signing up to help deliver fresh fruit and vegetables, shopping, newspapers etc, to a desperate resident in their walking distance locality. Highly recommended for young adults aged 18 and over to help the elderly people in their neighbourhood i.e. order groceries from local shops, charge their electric, do their gardening [Light Of The World community gardening club] + Feed The Homeless and Hungry. For more information contact Disciple Samuel by emailing: disciplesamuel@yahoo.co.uk

Henry Hobson – Community Connections:

Community Connections project is a preventative community development programme that will take place across Lewisham over 18 months. This began in November 2013. For more information contact Henry by emailing:

Henry.Hobson@ageuklands.org.uk

Salphares Limpeshah – Deptford Reach:

There are initiatives at Deptford reach which helps people rebuild lives that have been damaged by homelessness, mental illness, drug or alcohol abuse and social exclusion. For more information please email: info@deptfordreach.org.uk

13. Thanks and meeting close

Councillor Maslin thanked everybody for coming, congratulated the funded groups and closed the meeting.